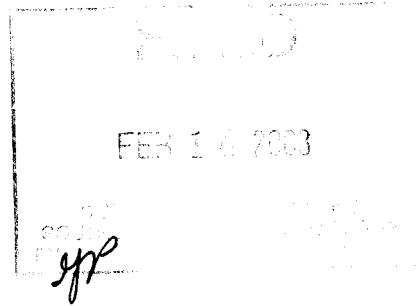


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Magistrate Case No. 08MJ0275
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
)	MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
JOSE BARAJAS-GONZALEZ (1),)	MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
)	<u>ORDER THEREON</u>
Defendant.)	
)	
)	(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and Caroline P. Han, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant JOSE BARAJAS-GONZALEZ, by and through and with the advice and consent of Brian P. Funk, counsel for defendant, that:

1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count of Transportation of Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(1)(A)(ii) and (v)(II).

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1 2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4 3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or
5 before **March 3, 2008**.

6 4. The material witnesses, Cristobal Ramirez-Montes, Brenda Yadira Rodriguez-
7 Ramirez, Alberto Gonzalez-Leon and M.G.M (a juvenile male), in this case:

8 a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

9 b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about
10 January 29, 2008;

11 c. Were found in a vehicles driven by the defendant and his codefendant
12 WILFRIDO URETA-MORENO in or near Pine Valley, California and that defendant knew or acted
13 in reckless disregard of the fact that they were aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the
14 United States;

15 d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf \$1,500 - \$2,000 to others
16 to be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein;
17 and,

18 e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland
19 Security for return to their country of origin.

20 5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this
21 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any
22 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any
23 proceeding, including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral
24 attack, that:

25 a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as
26 substantive evidence;

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1 b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents
2 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such
3 testimony shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements
4 against interest of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

5 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
6 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
7 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
8 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

9 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
10 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
11 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
12 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

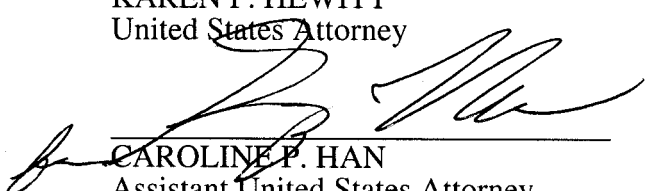
13 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
14 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
15 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

16 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.

17 Respectfully submitted,

18 KAREN P. HEWITT
United States Attorney

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20 Dated: 2/14/08.

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CAROLINE P. HAN
Assistant United States Attorney

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23 Dated: 2/7/08.

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BRIAN P. FUNK
Defense Counsel for Barajas-Gonzalez

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26 Dated: 2/7/08.

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JOSE BARAJAS-GONZALEZ
Defendant

ORDER

Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 2-14-08.


United States Magistrate Judge